

**Project Title** AJFC IDA Promise Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$500,000

Nonfederal Support \$500,000

**Project Period** September 2003 – September 2008

Highlights AJFC Community Action Agency (CAA) is offering 212

homeownership IDAs. The match rate is \$3 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings over a 36 month period. In addition to core training, available services include childcare, crisis management, peer support, counseling, loans, credit repair, and specialized financial education.

**Target Population** Nine counties in Southwest Mississippi (Adams, Amite,

Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Wilkerson), which include three of the region's poorest

counties.

**Grantee/Collaborative Description** AJFC is a CAA with over 36 years experience. AFI

activities are built upon, in part, an existing foundationfunded IDA program. Britton & Knootz First National Bank is holding IDA accounts while the reserve account is held by United Mississippi Bank. State Bank & Trust and Copiah First National Bank are also holding participant IDA accounts. Alcorn State University instructors are teaching

financial literacy courses as an in-kind service.